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## Economists and Reform.

The best hope for improving the machinery of Government lies in lengthening the terms of service for the administrative officers; in reducing the number of elected officials, and enlarging the appointing power; in simplifying the machinery of municipal and State government, perhaps of the National Government as well. All this involves an abrogation of power by the voter. He must consent to keep hands off—if not forever, at least for long periods at a time. Only by some such change will it be possible to enlist and hold in public service men of the needed capacity.

These are some of the conclusions to the rather remarkable address delivered in Baltimore last night at the annual meeting of the American Economic Association by Prof. F. W. Taussig, of Harvard. As nearly as can be learned from patching together accounts of this meeting published in various morning papers, the speaker hung his inferences upon a long discussion of the American citizen as a unit and the need for such a development of American citizenship as will move the strongest minds to seek office.

When that time comes most of the ills of our Government will have been cured. The same force which would change the public attitude toward the holding of minor offices would lift the public conscience beyond the reach of corruption. This advance of the public mind is, indeed, the whole issue.

Today, with Philadelphia, New York, Louisville, Baltimore, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Chicago, Salt Lake, and San Francisco as shining examples of the blank listlessness with which we have chosen to govern our cities, the doctrine of longer terms for our Durhams, Crokers, Rasins, Butlers, and Ames is likely neither to help the cause of good government nor to find patient hearing. Our problem is not so much how to keep good men in office as it is how to get bad ones out.

This latter result can be accomplished by a spasm of indignation. But it cannot be made lasting by any such means. The only way to get the grafters out and keep them out is to raise the average voter above the appeal made by the grafter to the voter's cupidity. The two chief elements of that appeal are the "bread and butter" plea and the plea for party loyalty.

In Philadelphia and New York, each, the army of laborers employed on municipal works approaches 100,000 men. For all the purposes of practical politics the votes of those men are bought with jobs. The moment they are invited to assert themselves and vote independently they are confronted with the loss of their bread and butter. That has been and always will be a powerful argument.

Hardly less impressive, apparently, though not nearly so well grounded, is the plea for party loyalty. Men can steal, perjure themselves, suborn other men more honest, defeat the very purposes of the ballot, and betray, not once but a thousand times a year, the very party they profess to lead, and yet find sober, earnest men willing to hear their petition for support on the ground of "party loyalty." It seems beyond comprehension. But it is true.

Answering these two arguments is the first practical step toward better government. Other men are better able to answer them for the average voter than pedagogues like Prof. Taussig. But that distinguished scholar and his associates of the American Economic Association can lead the way for those other men—and they ought to do it.

## A Blow to Optimism.

It is very tiring to the earnest patriot to learn that Senor Carlos F. Morales, who has been a sort of president pro tem. of the black-and-white republic of Santo Domingo, is on the jump. In common with other earnest patriots, he had hoped for a whole lot from Carlos, and now that the only possible view of him is a rear elevation, facilitated occasionally by the energy of his leaps toward the tall timber, we are reminded, sadly, that man was made to mourn.

We do. As we have been able to read and interpret the reports from the Caribbean the name of the president pro tem. of Santo Domingo was the Spanish spelling for "moral." He came as near being a "great and good friend" as his latitude permits. Great things were expected of him, including the elimination of the festive revolution and the inculcation of a habit of debt-paying among his

fellow-countrymen. He was a sort of chrome-colored George Washington, with a sprinkling of Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin on the side. Oh, he was the real thing—was Carlos F.

And now he departs. The cabinet which should have supported him split in the middle and there was nothing else for him to do. Even the presence of a half dozen American warships, on hand to guard the Dillingham-Sanchez convention and see to it that that instrument does not become blotted or mildewed, was not enough to hold the fiery Morales in check. He felt the air of the palace to be oppressive and made for the brush.

There is one note of cheer in the chorus of despond—a single ray of light in the palace of gloom. Morales—to use a phrase of the forgotten time when copper and telegraph were still friendly—is "on the wire." We can get him if we want him. Any time a new revolution is needed he may be relied upon to do his best. Any time a new convention is desired he will doubtless be willing to telegraph his acquiescence.

But, on the run. He can't be expected to stop.

## West Point and Football.

West Point has given the forthcoming football conference in New York a significance it was not expected to assume. While more than fifty institutions of learning had responded to the call of New York University, they were not impressive for their athletic standing. The Military Academy was so impressive, and it is gratifying to the whole country to know it has earned its present athletic distinction by following sport in the only true way. So the promulgation by its superintendent of a series of instructions to its delegate, a captain in the regular army, which look to real reform in football, is accepted everywhere as forecasting important results.

At the conference the army delegate is to contend for these changes:

An open game; elimination of rough and brutal play; efficient enforcement of rules; making the rules definite and precise in respects such as the definition of brutal play, holding, tripping, and, in general, all infringement of the rules for which penalties are given; organization of a permanent body of officials.

Most of these propositions are preventive in their nature, not creative. Among ideal sportsmen it would be possible to play football without any penalties; and, though ideal sport is as fleeting a prospect as the millennium, the effort of the men behind our modern amateur sport, whatever it is, should be for progress toward the conditions of ideal sport. Standards which permit the members of a "Big Four" team deliberately to single out the strongest player opposed to them and either by tiring him or injuring him drive him from the game, will vitiate any rules.

Nevertheless, athletics, like every other public interest, must take what it can get, and what it can get is not likely to be the ideal thing. Just now the most important thing to do is to change the rules. If they are not changed, state legislatures may very possibly take a hand in the contest and abolish the game altogether. And if, as the superintendent of the Military Academy apparently fears, the "Big Four"—Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and Pennsylvania—will not join in the movement to reform the rules, they must be left out. Important as they are, they cannot be permitted to jeopardize in all the other colleges of the country a sport as good as football can be made.

Time to begin thinking which of them we will omit next year.

The Christmas sand-bagger is reminding opulent victims the world owes him a living.

Giving alms is said to be a science. Collecting them, certainly, has become an art.

Champ Clark says he is willing to run for President himself. He should avoid the conventional.

Senators Platt and Dewey are wondering probably, which of their seats the President most admires.

With the reassembling of Congress, we shall all get some new information about the proper way to dig a ditch.

So far as we can see, Senor Morales answers the late Senator Ingalls' description of a statesman out of a job.

Mr. McCleary is a protectionist of the extreme brand. He not only wants to stand pat, but is willing to raise the ante.

Judge Hamilton says the service he rendered the insurance companies was secret. So is that of the second-story worker. It has to be.

A process-server has succeeded in effecting service upon young William Rockefeller. Everybody will hope he proves a more illuminating witness than his uncle.

That was a wise process server who threw \$2.50 into the lap of young Rockefeller before he flashed his subpoena.

When Mr. Odell begins to tell what he is going to prove and how wicked is everybody else, he reminds us strongly of the Hon. William Jennings Bryan.

The New York editor never gets over his surprise that papers outside of that center of culture and altruism have local news to print.

An imported opera singer, one of Hungary's inexhaustible nobility, has been touched by a confidence man for \$2,000. The lady seems never to have suspected the fellowship between romance and

## IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY

## MISS ROOSEVELT CHANGES PLAN

Will Not Go to New York Until Later.

## DEPEWS COMING MONDAY

Senator and Wife Will Bring as Their Guest Miss Anna Paulding, Their Niece.

Miss Roosevelt changed her plan for going to New York yesterday and will not go until the last of January. She spent most of the day in company with Mrs. Charles S. Bromwell, leaving the White House in company with her and going for luncheon to the New Willard and later occupying a box at Chase's with Mrs. Bromwell and several friends. Miss Roosevelt dined out last evening with friends.

Mrs. L. Z. Leiter has gone to Chicago for a ten days' visit to her sister, Mrs. Thompson.

Senator and Mrs. Chauncey Depew will arrive in Washington Monday. They have leased for the winter the residence of Gen. and Mrs. Bates, at the intersection of Connecticut avenue, N and Eighteenth streets, and will have as a guest their niece, Miss Anna Paulding.

Lady Susan Townley, wife of the counselor of the British embassy, who has been absent from society for over two weeks past on account of some injuries suffered in an automobile accident, was able to go driving last evening.

Miss Blanca Walker-Martinez, second daughter of the Minister from Chile and Mme. Walker-Martinez, was hostess at a luncheon party today, her guests including Joanna A. Schroeder, Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, Miss Nabuco, Miss Edwin, Miss Jeanne, Miss S. Asia and Pawninggarden, Miss Ruth Fauner, Miss Olga, Converse and Miss Cecelia May.

Miss Pierce will be at home at the Fortner tomorrow afternoon and on the second and fourth Fridays thereafter throughout the season. Miss Anne Cole, of Pennsylvania, will be with Miss Pierce tomorrow afternoon.

The loss to society here through the appointment of an ambassador from Chile to the place of Mr. Takahira, the former Japanese minister, is great. Mme. Takahira, who has not been here since the beginning of the war between Russia and Japan, was a great favorite. Being a quiet, gentle, little lady, speaking good English, and wearing the costumes of an American woman, Mr. Takahira, too, was a favorite with his men friends, both in and out of the Diplomatic Corps.

The announcement is made of the engagement of Miss Helen Varick Boswell, formerly of Martinsburg, W. Va., to Edward G. Rose, lately of New York. The wedding will take place some time in the spring.

The men of the Pleasant Players' Club gave the women members a very enjoyable entertainment last evening. They met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. H. in the guest of Miss Helen Varick Boswell, at the Cairo. Miss Boswell and Miss Cole will receive with Miss Pierce at the Fortner tomorrow afternoon.

The following Washington people are visiting in New York today: Mrs. Atwater, L. Hall, J. S. Hill, J. E. Minnetree, A. J. Moll, W. C. Worthington, C. S. Atkinson, S. Blythe, Mrs. S. G. Blythe, T. C. Dickinson, N. G. Knight, J. L. Spire, A. Thompson, Misses Weston, J. J. Darlington, C. J. Miller, G. L. Raymond, C. Whitehead.

Miss M. Newmyer and her niece, Miss Celeste Sigmund, of Denver, Col., will not be at home tomorrow afternoon.

The Octagon Pleasure Club gave a dance in honor of out-of-town friends Tuesday evening at Dyer's Hall. Among the visitors present were Miss Ray Eversman, of Baltimore; Miss Goldie Eversman, of Baltimore; Miss Olga Fishel, of Boston, and New York Folk, of New York; Joe Dannenberg, of New York, and Felix Erlanger, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Harry King, of Eighth street, entertained a few friends Tuesday afternoon in honor of her niece, Miss Gertrude King, of New York. Among those present were the Misses Annette Goldsmith, Ernestine Eisenman, Hortense King, Katherine Heller, Alma Baer, Miriam Frank, Dorothy Stiefel, of New York; Abbey King, Marian King and Ralph Goldsmith, Lester Elswoman, Mauric and Laurence Nordlinger, Raymond Goodman, Henry and Sybil King, Lawrence Heller, and Mortimer King and Philip King, of New York.

Miss Laura Behrend has gone to Baltimore for a few days to attend the "Harmony Circle" concert this evening.

Joseph Kaufman, of Baltimore, is spending the holiday week with his grandmother, Mrs. Charles Kaufman, of Eighteenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Scherrer, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Luby, gave a Christmas home warming Tuesday evening at their new home, 318 C street southwest.

Graphophone music was given by Leonard Williams. The house was decorated with Christmas greens and red bells and roses. About 10:30 refreshments were served.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howe, Miss G. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. E. Tilton, Miss Lillian Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Daly, Miss Annie Mae Luby, Miss Brown, Mrs. W. R. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Miss Cora Trevelin, Mr. and Mrs. O. Ledoux, M. Quirk, Mr. Hottle, Mrs. Disney, Miss Elva Ledoux, Miss Bertie Andre, H. Gamble, E. M. Tilton, L. Ledoux, Charles Reichelt, and Mrs. F. Huber.

Assisting in receiving were Mrs. W. Hall Harris, Mrs. George Huntington Williams, Mrs. James Albert, Mrs. Albert Slousser, Mrs. W. Bullock Clark, Mrs. William L. Elliott, Miss Louise Steuart, Miss Emily Steuart, and Mrs. Georgianna Hayden.

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Ushers who will seat the guests at the wedding of Miss Kate Deering and William B. Ridgely at St. John's Church Saturday, will be Charles H. Keep, Charles J. Bell, Arthur Brice, all of this city, and Frank A. Vanderlip, of New York. The guests invited are limited to relatives and the closest personal friends of the bride and bridegroom.

Miss Martha Moore Hendrick and Edgar Davis Edmonston were married last evening at the Church of the Covenant by the Rev. Dr. Hamlin.

The church never before presented a more beautiful aspect than it did last night, the decorations being unusually handsome. Almost the entire interior was covered by palms and white flowers, while a curtain of Southern smilax hung half way over the organ, and a shower of white blossoms decorated the pulpit. The pews were marked by posts over six feet in height, upon which bunches of Boston fern and white roses were fastened by broad white satin ribbons.

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Mrs. John W. Childress was matron of honor, her gown an imported affair of white moiré with a train of black and panels of mauve orchids. She carried a large cluster of the same flowers.

The bridesmaids were Miss Frances Edmonston, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Maud Lambert, of this city; Miss Irma Ellison, of Chestertown, Md., and Miss Cordelia Anderson, of Buzzards Bay, Mass., granddaughter of Joseph Jefferson. All were similarly attired in white with black and white ribbon and Valen-

cinnes lace. All wore wreaths of red roses, and carried large bouquets of American Beauty roses and white flowers.

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The ceremony was followed by a reception at Rauscher's, which was limited to the best party and both families. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonston left on a late train, the bride's going-away gown being of a dark blue cloth with gray hat and furs.

They will be at home after January 15 at 3722 St. Charles avenue, New Orleans.

Some beautiful gowns were seen at the wedding. Mrs. Hendrick, the bride's mother, was dressed in black sequine and lace. The groom's mother, Mrs. Edmonston, wore white chiffon voile and lace. Mrs. W. Hendrick was in a white lace robe and pearls, and Mrs. Ridgely, of New York, in a gown of white princess lace.

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MISS ZAIDEE COBB, Daughter of Mrs. Edmund M. Cobb, the Attractive Washington Girl Whose Engagement to Cornelius Bliss, Jr., of New York, Has Been Announced.

## DANCE AT ARLINGTON BRILLIANT AFFAIR

Largest and Prettiest Ball of Season Proved to Be That of Association of Works of Mercy Last Night.

The largest and prettiest dance of the season was that at the Arlington last night, given for the benefit of the Association for the Works of Mercy. Splendid music, attractive floral decorations, and a large number of young and pretty girls here for the Christmas holidays made the gathering noteworthy.

The ladies of the reception committee were Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. A. J. Parsons, Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Chastard, and Mrs. Lethrop Bradley, who took turns in receiving the guests as they arrived. Instead of forming the usual unbroken line, Mrs. Rogers wore a black gown of fine gauze, with narrow bands of gold and silver, and gold lace on the low-cut bodice. Mrs. Chastard wore jetted net over pale blue silk, and diamonds.

Mrs. McGowan wore lace and brocade, and Mrs. Fremont, a gown of white brocade in pink. Mrs. Charles J. Howery wore a noticeably handsome gown of light green gauze and silver, with pearl necklace and diamond ornaments.

The dance began promptly at 10 o'clock, the Marine Band furnishing the music. There was no formal opening of the ball, the guests arriving earliest taking advantage of the clear floor to enjoy themselves. Mrs. Fremont, and Mrs. John M. Biddle, the latter wearing a beautiful gown of light pink silk and lace, were in charge of the floor managers.

Among the guests were Baron and Baroness Busche, of the German embassy; Mrs. G. H. Durand, the British ambassador; the Cuban minister, the minister from Nicaragua, Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander Magruder, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Blair, Mrs. Marion P. Maus and Miss Hagner, Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins, and Mrs. James Perkins, Mrs. Edna Bradley, Miss Lincoln, Mrs. Frederick H. Benedict, Mr. and Mrs. Loftus, Commander and Mrs. Bowles, Representative and Mrs. Bowles, Commander and Mrs. Reamey, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Mrs. Gardner Williams, the Misses Williams, the Misses Converse, the Misses Fremont, Miss Janin, Miss Maxwell, the Misses Loring, the Misses Goldsborough, Miss Mable Hume, Miss Mattingly, Mrs. Basil Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Harlow, Miss Randolph, Miss Carr, Miss Madeleine Bradley, Miss Marie Barnes, Miss Helen, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Marion Astor, Miss Robson, Miss Gaff, Miss Walker, Martinez, Miss Grace Bell, Miss Alice Shepard, Miss Elsie Hoban, Miss Sanger, Miss Clagett, the Misses Fitch, Miss Parker, Miss Foraker, Miss Couder, Miss Colton, Miss Sands, the Misses Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Butler, Mrs. Charles MacArthur, Phillips, Commander Culver, Mr. Biddle, Mr. Fairbanks, and Charles Howard.

Supper was served at midnight in the cafe overlooking Vermont avenue.

Mrs. Charles J. Bonaparte, who has formally opened her Baltimore residence, was hostess there yesterday afternoon at a reception for the ladies attending the convention of the American Historical Society. This is the first time Mrs. Bonaparte has entertained since her husband's appointment to the Cabinet. Holly, poinsettia, and other Christmas decorations prevailed.

Mrs. Bonaparte wore fine black lace over rose pink satin. The skirt was trimmed with fountains of lace that once belonged to Mme. Patterson-Bonaparte, while the waist was formed of lace sent to Mr. Bonaparte's mother by King Jerome. The diamond and pearl ornaments worn with the handsome toilet were the gifts of Jerome to Mme. Patterson-Bonaparte.

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## THE PERSONAL SIDE AT THE CAPITOL

Slomp's Failure in Leading Virginia's Fall Campaign Inclines Party in State to Hunt New Leader.

There is trouble brewing among the Republicans of Virginia, Representative Campbell Slomp, the only Republican Congressman from the Old Dominion, is the cyclone center.

All of the difficulty arises from a growing impression among his party that Slomp is not the peerless leader he was once heralded to be. This feeling arises from the fact that in the last gubernatorial election, when he was trying out his mettle for the first time as a State organizer and leader, he failed to decrease the Democratic vote in Virginia. As a matter of fact, he did not make as good a showing as had attended the work of Park Agnew, his predecessor in the post of Republican leader in Virginia.

As a result of this dissatisfaction in the party with Mr. Slomp, there are indications that an attempt, at the first favorable opportunity, will be made to replace him. It is said that Park Agnew will stand a chance to be reinstated if he is willing.

An old man stood looking at the vacant hall of the House of Representatives this morning.

"I was thinking," he said, "of all this talk of retiring the aged and infirm. It reminds me of an incident that occurred in the House many years ago, at the time when the members of Congress reassembled one year to vote away the increase in salary they had voted to themselves the year before. Incidentally, all the members thought it incumbent on them to explain what they had done with the extra money they got the year before."

"Some made speeches saying they had given theirs to charity, schools, or libraries. The general chorus of explanations began to be monotonous. Finally one old man—I don't remember his name—arose and said:

"Mr. Speaker, I gave mine to an aged and indigent female."

"Then, without more ado, the old gentleman sat down. His brief speech, however, had caused quite a sensation, and all the members crowded around to ask him about his giving away the extra money."

"Who was this aged and indigent female?" asked one member.

"She was my wife," calmly explained the old man.

"His explanation was voted a good one."

A young man from New York walked into Senator Allison's room at the Capitol the other day and diffidently asked the senator if he would be good enough to sign a check for \$25,000 to the private office of the Senator's Secretary, and taking a little parcel from under his arm said:

"Senator Allison, my name is Joseph Kimball."

Senator Edmund Winston Pettus, of Alabama, is going to be a Senator at 100 years of age, if good wishes of his friends, at home and elsewhere, are rewarded with realization. The Senator is nearing the eighty-sixth anniversary of his birth, and there is not a man among his colleagues who enjoys better health. The day Congress adjourned he put on his overcoat and walked down to the Pennsylvania station to take a train for his Southern home to spend Christmas with his wife. They have been married over sixty years.

Senator Pettus might be the grandfather of his youngest associate in the Senate, Mr. Burkett of Nebraska, who only the other day celebrated his thirty-eighth birthday anniversary.

Senator Burkett friends in southwestern Iowa, by the way, tell a good story of how he got the suit of clothes in which he taught his first term of school. He had been a farm boy, and had by dint of hard work, which included janitor service about the school, got through college at Tabor, Iowa. Armed with his diploma and an inconvenient deficit in his financial resources, he applied for the principalship of a Nebraska school and was elected. He had money enough to get there, but he absolutely must have a new suit of clothes before he could assume the duties of his post. So he went to the clothing store of "Uncle Dave" Heinshelmer of Glenwood, and told his predicament.

"I'm going to get \$25 a month out there," he said, "and if you'll let me have this suit of clothes I'll pay for it out of my first month's wages."

The terms were accepted, and the young man carried him in a \$25 suit, in which he felt so dressed-up that he wasn't comfortable for a week. Within fifteen years the young schoolmaster was